

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Presented) A method of downloading a remote record request to control a recording device, comprising:

 a subscriber using a subscriber input device to access a programming guide, select a program and submit a remote record request including a program code and a subscriber ID,

 sending the remote record request to a broadcast center,

 inserting the remote record request into a broadcast stream,

 transmitting the broadcast stream,

 downloading the remote record request at a subscriber site,

 determining whether the remote record request is directed to the subscriber site by comparing the subscriber ID to a subscriber site ID, and, if confirmed,

 validating the request to determine whether the selected program can be recorded,

 sending a verification response from the subscriber site to the subscriber's input device, said verification response comprising either a positive verification response if validated to affirm receipt and execution of the remote record request or a negative verification response if not validated to reject the remote record request and display a conflict message to prompt the subscriber to override any conflicts that gave rise to the rejection,

 if rejected, the subscriber using the subscriber input device to view the conflict message and submit an override message to the broadcast center for transmission to the subscriber site, and

 if confirmed, and validated or overridden, tagging the program code for recording on the recording device.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - inserting the remote record request into a MPT packet; and
 - inserting the MPT packing into a transport packet in the broadcast stream.
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the conflict message provides at least one reason the remote record request was rejected and at least one subscriber selectable option to override the conflict.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein the at least one reason includes a programming conflict and/or lack of recording device memory available and the at least one subscriber selectable option includes overriding the programming conflict and/or deleting programming from the recording device IRD.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - validating a portion of the remote record request at the broadcast center, and
 - validating another portion of the remote record request at the subscriber site.
6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein
 - If either the subscriber ID or whether the request is included in a service package are not validated, the broadcast center sends a negative verification response to the subscriber rejecting the request and prompting the subscriber to sign up for the required service package,
 - If either a programming conflict or the recording device's ability to record are not validated, the subscriber site sends a negative verification response to the subscriber rejecting the request and prompting the subscriber to override, and
 - If the request is validated at both the broadcast center and the subscriber site, the subscriber site sends a positive verification response to the subscriber verifying execution of the request.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, further comprising validating at least one of the following at the broadcast center:

- validating that the selected program does not exceed a ratings limit,
- validating that the selected program does not exceed a billing limit, and
- validating that the remote record request is a feature included in a service package.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, further comprising, if either portion of the remote record request is not validated, sending a negative verification response that rejects the remote record request and prompts the subscriber to override any conflicts that gave rise to the rejection from the broadcast center and subscriber site, respectively.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, in response to receipt of the override message at the subscriber site, further comprising:

- removing the tag from the conflicting program and/or deleting recorded programming for the recording device; and
- tagging the program code of the current selection for recording on the recording device.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the input device accesses a remotely maintained program guide in near real-time over a network.

11. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the program guide is downloaded off-line and stored in the input device.

12. (Previously Presented) A method of downloading a remote record request to control a recording device, comprising:

- using a subscriber input device to access a programming guide, select a program and submit a remote record request including a program code and a subscriber ID,
- broadcasting the remote record request via a satellite,

downloading the remote record request at a subscriber site,

validating whether the remote record request is directed to the subscriber site by comparing the subscriber ID to a subscriber site ID, and, if confirmed,

validating that the remote record request does not conflict with a previous record request,

validating that the recording device has sufficient memory to record the selected program,

if validated, tagging the program code for recording on the recording device and sending a positive validation response to the subscriber input device, and

if not validated, sending a negative verification response to the subscriber input device that rejects the remote record request and displays a conflict message to prompt the subscriber to override any conflicts that gave rise to the rejection.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, further comprising at least one of the following:

validating that the selected program does not exceed a ratings limit,

validating that the selected program does not exceed a billing limit,

validating that the selected program is included in a subscriber service package, and

validating that the remote record request capability is included in the subscriber service package.

14. (Previously Presented) A method of downloading a remote record request to control a recording device, comprising:

using an input device to access a programming guide, select a program and submit a remote record request including a program code and a subscriber ID,

sending the remote record request over a link to a satellite broadcast center,

validating the request to confirm the subscriber ID and whether the selected program is included in a subscriber service package, if invalid sending a negative

verification response from the broadcast center to the subscriber rejecting the request and prompting the subscriber to sign up for the required service package,

broadcasting the remote record request via a satellite,

downloading the remote record request at a subscriber site,

determining whether the remote record request is directed to the subscriber site by comparing the subscriber ID to a subscriber site ID, and, if confirmed,

validating the request to determine whether the selected program can be recorded, and

if validated, tagging the program code for recording on the recording device and sending a positive validation response to the subscriber, and

if not validated, sending a negative verification response that rejects the remote record request and displays a message to prompt the subscriber to override any conflicts that gave rise to the rejection.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising:
 - inserting the remote record request into an MPT packet; and
 - inserting the MPT packing into a transport packet that is broadcast via the satellite.
16. (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising validating the request to open the link to a satellite broadcast center.
17. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the request is validated to determine whether the selected can be recorded by,
 - checking for a time conflict with previous record requests; and
 - checking for adequate remaining memory in the record device.

18. (Previously Presented) A satellite broadcast network, comprising:

A subscriber input device for accessing an interactive programming guide for subscriber selection of a program, said input device transmitting the remote record request including a program code and a subscriber ID,

a satellite broadcast center (SBC) configured to receive the remote record request, validate and insert the request into a broadcast stream for transmission via satellite,

a plurality of subscriber sites each having antenna, an integrated receiver decoder (IRD) and a recording device, said IRD configured to decode the request from the broadcast stream, compare the subscriber ID to a stored ID, determine whether the selected program can be recorded and, if valid, tag the program code for recording on the recording device;

A back channel outside the satellite network connecting the subscriber IRD to the subscriber input device, said IRD sending a verification response via the back channel to the input device, said verification response comprising either a positive verification response if validated to affirm receipt and execution of the remote record request or a negative verification response if not validated to reject the remote record request and display a conflict message to prompt the subscriber to override any conflicts that gave rise to the rejection.

19. (Original) The satellite broadcast network of claim 18, wherein the SBC comprises:

an I/O port for receiving the remote record request;

a billing center having a record of subscribers and subscribed services;

a validation switch that compares the subscriber ID against the record of subscribers and subscribed services to validate the remote record request;

a bridge router that for validated requests inserts the subscriber ID and the program code into a MPT packet; and

an uplink system that inserts the MPT packet into a transport packet and transmits the transport packet to the satellite.

20. (Previously Presented) The satellite broadcast network of claim 18, wherein the IRD is configured to receive an override message from the subscriber input device to override any conflicts that prompted the negative verification response, resolve the conflicts and tag the program code for recording on the recording device.

21. (Previously Presented) The satellite broadcast network of claim 18, wherein the SBC sends a negative verification response to the subscriber input device rejecting the request and prompting the subscriber to sign up for a required service package if either the subscriber ID or the required service package are not validated, and wherein the subscriber site sends a negative verification response to the subscriber input device rejecting the request and prompting the subscriber to override if either a programming conflict or the recording device's ability to record are not validated.

22. (Previously Presented) A satellite broadcast center for delivering a remote record request, comprising:

an I/O port for receiving a remote record request including a program code and a subscriber ID from a subscriber input device;

a billing center having a record of subscribers and subscribed services;

a validation switch that compares the subscriber ID against the record of subscribers and subscribed services to validate the remote record request;

a bridge router that for validated requests inserts the subscriber ID and the program code for into a MPT packet;

an uplink system that inserts the MPT packet into a transport packet and transmits the transport packet to a satellite for transmission to a subscriber integrated receiver decoder (IRD); and

a conditional access management center (CAMC) receives a verification response via a backchannel from the IRD and forwards the response via the I/O port to the subscriber input device, said verification response comprising either a positive

verification response if validated to affirm receipt and execution of the remote record request or a negative verification response if not validated to reject the remote record request and display a conflict message to prompt the subscriber to override any conflicts that gave rise to the rejection.

23. (Previously Presented) A subscriber site for downloading a remote record request, comprising:

a recording device including memory,

a back channel,

an antenna that receives a broadcast stream including a packet containing a subscriber ID and a program code, and

an integrated receiver decoder (IRD) that checks the subscriber ID against a stored ID, checks for a time conflict with previous record requests and checks for adequate remaining memory in the record device and, if valid, tags the program code so that the recording device will record the selected program, said IRD sending over the back channel either a positive verification response that affirms receipt and execution of the remote record request or a negative verification response that rejects the remote record request and prompts the subscriber to override any conflicts that gave rise to the rejection.